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Aug. 9 Tues. P.M. 1864

Walked up from Station at 3-
 noon expecting me till 5- The
 air & shower of stepping out.
 have been working for 2 days in
 Boston, find it delightful. Took
 a bath. first thing. arrayed me
 clean throughout - ate dinner
 & now why did. nt I write?
 I'd give the poem to Mother
 & a ^{little} kiss to Sarah. for wh. she
 who has a spirit-possessive of
 little(?) things ("grateful is becomes
 man best" & why not women?)
 desired me to give her thanks.
 The ticket - was for any body to
 whom you might choose to give
 it. Didnt Mrs. Platten then
 get a note from me? & old
 Goodson why didnt he take
 notice of my Gratitude? There
 was nothing in my note to Mrs.
 P. to call for an answer. but
 I thought she wd. be glad to have
 the tickets to give away. & feared

they might - & still remaining in
the P. O. from dissection -
Emonia is engaged on a bed of Col.
Shew. Brackett has given Laura
apparently - & she wants to salary
me as her teacher! - I advised her
to see Ball Hughes - She went -
but his family won't let him
go to town - as his visits are apt
to be indefinitely prolonged (you
know his weakness,) he recommends
King - but King can't for some
reason - so just now she has nothing
to do but to hear of - So!
the poor ladies! Emonia is
very much of an aboriginal -
jealous, selfish, & little cunning
& not altogether scrupulous about
the truth when dealing with those
she doesn't love, ^{open} kind & liberal
as day with those she does - I
like her in spite of her faults
& will help her all I can - I
wish she were a little less of
an aborigine about the ordering
of her life - Do D3 -
There - an intermission - The Shermans
& their 2 guests - Mrs. Tattall the

gollust little creature that
even decked herself in ^{indian} weeds. &
an old friend of Mings from
Postenault whom I have not
seen for 4 years. who now frequently
come here. Last Sat. Mrs. Dell
& her daughter spent the day with
us. & as usual I learned more of
the ways of the outside world
living & progressive from her
than I get from any other half
dozen persons in the corner of a
year. To be sure I do not feel
a perfect reliance upon her
statements - but she is able; the
best talker I know among women
or men.

We have a bit of good news today
on the strength of wh. we may travel
along for a few days in tolerable
cheer. The capture of Admiral B.
& his ships. How long it is since
we have felt the thrill of victory
or even a suggestion of it. It
has it lost its sweetness.

Night. Abby - don't you see that
this letter was laid out for a long

one - but first one interruption
then another - & lastly night - &
a heat too great for lamp light -
The world is in a sultry smother -
Addy supposing we go to Shelburn
to pick blackberries for the Soldiers.
Sarah says she will pay 10 cts. a
quart. -

That thought of Francis in
the States, to wh. you allude
has been present with me ever
since I read it - but I think there
is much to be said about it - &
some other time, when lamp light
isn't so hot I propose to take
it up. Katy L. is sick at Dad's -
so sick as to require watchers & a
regular nurse - but she is now
better. They had driven over from
Rye to D^c - fortunately - when she
was seized ~~again~~ with the diarrhoea
having been previously somewhat
affected at the Brook. ~~It~~ ~~can~~ ~~not~~
be too glad that she has the comforts
of home about her. Good night -
Oh dear Addy is it - well for you
to stay this hot summer long in
Brooklyn - or come here. Oh dear
Addy -